



*Congresswoman Bean observes a Great Lakes restoration project at Illinois Beach State Park*

Congresswoman Bean spent the month of August meeting with constituents across the Eighth District. County fairs are a favorite summer pastime for many Illinoisans, and Congresswoman Bean spoke with residents of both Lake and McHenry Counties at their respective fairs. Senior citizens are an important part of each and every Eighth District community, and Congresswoman Bean held forums to listen to their views at Del Webb Grand Dominion in Mundelein and Sunrise Senior Living in Gurnee. She also participated in a town hall meeting by telephone with AARP members and attended senior fairs sponsored by the Lake County Council on Aging and Hearthstone Senior Services, where she served as a celebrity bingo caller. Not wanting to miss out on the perspective of her younger constituents, she spoke with AP Government students at Zion-Benton High School. Congresswoman Bean continued to closely monitor the local economy by hosting a meeting with local exporters and manufacturers and attending the McHenry County Economic Development Council legislative breakfast. She also met with staff at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of McHenry County to discuss issues related to federal loan modification programs. The Congresswoman brought together government officials and subject matter experts from across the area to discuss issues related to regional development and access to drinking and waste water. She visited Illinois Beach State Park to observe and discuss Great Lakes restoration. In addition, she marched in community parades in Lindenhurst, Gurnee, and Grayslake.

Congresswoman Bean also hosted a series of public forums focused on financial literacy and recently-passed legislation strengthening consumer protections in the credit card and financial services industries. Constituents were able to hear a legislative update from the Congresswoman, ask questions, and listen to a presentation from the Director of Education at the Illinois State Treasurer's office. Events were hosted at public libraries in McHenry, Lake Zurich, Schaumburg, and Round Lake.

